Board (HIMTAB) constituted by the Department of Tourism has formulated Policies and guidelines for the development of eco-friendly Tourism in the Himalayan region.

Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Orissa

1095. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has been laying much emphasis on the development of tourism infrastraucture;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction in Orissa during the 8th plan;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for the development of infrastructure in 9th plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the schedule proposed thereon for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned 19 projects amounting to Rs. 449.06 lakhs for Tourism infrastructure development to Orissa during 8th plan.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir, the Report of Working Group on Tourism for the 9th plan gives emphasis on infrastructure development in the country. However it does not specify any state wise plan as it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to prepare such plan.

Calorie-intake among children

1096. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in the last five years of the average per capita intake of protein and energy in urban and rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what is the calorie-intake of adults vis-a-vis pre-school children;

(c) whether food security in the house-hold is a factor in calorie-intake among children; and

(d) if not, what efforts are being made to educate the patients parents about the children's nutritional needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau of Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted survey in rural areas about per capita intake of protein and energy. As per surveys, the calorie intake of adults was more than 95% of the recommended dietary allowances (RDA) while that of pre-school children ranged from 63% to 72% of recommended dietary allowances.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have initiated several measures to improve the nutritional status as well as nutritional needs of children. These are as follows:—

(i) Availability of essential foodgrains at subsidised cost through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS).

(ii) Improving the purchasing power of the people through Income Generating Schemes.

(iii) Nutrition and Health Education to increase the awareness and bring appropriate changes in the feeding practices of the children.

(iv) Other measures include supplementary feeding programme like Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Mid-day Meal Programme (MMP), Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP) and Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WNP). For